

A Resolution in Support of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act

The Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) has been proposed by a special committee led by the Tribal Court Relations Committee of the CIP Statewide Taskforce. MIFPA seeks to enhance the protections afforded in the Indian Child Welfare Act by providing a higher standard of protections of the rights of Indian tribes, Indian children, and Indian families.

WHEREAS, the sovereign rights of Indian tribes, Indian children and Indian families residing within the borders of the State of Michigan have been previously recognized by Michigan courts and legislature.

WHEREAS, Michigan courts have recognized that the proper jurisdiction of welfare decisions involving Indian children lie with the tribe.

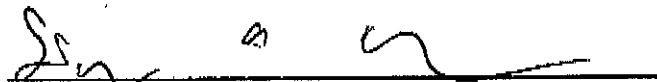
WHEREAS, the inadequacies of the application and misapplication of the Indian Child Welfare Act has lead to the denial of rights of Indian tribes, Indian children, and Indian families as well as to negative impacts on Tribal integrity.

WHEREAS, MIFPA will provide for higher standards of protection to the interests of Indians living in Michigan.

THEREFORE, that the Native American Law Student Society of Wayne State University Law School fully endorse the passage of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act.

I, Douglass A. McIntyre, the duly elected President of the Native American Law Student Society of Wayne State University, do certify that the preceding resolution has been adopted with full support of the organization.

Date: 10/13/11



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